Official Minutes for Webb County Commissioners Court Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2004 at 1:00 PM

(Approved 04-15-2004)

Item No. 1 Call to order by Judge Louis H. Bruni

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held at 1:00 p.m. at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

Louis H. Bruni County Judge
Jerry Vasquez Commissioner, Pct. 1
Judith Gutierrez Commissioner, Pct. 2
Felix Velasquez Commissioner, Pct. 3
David Cortez Commissioner, Pct. 4

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the Agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 18th and 19th of March 2004. Present also were Ms. Nora Elia Prado, Deputy County Clerk representing Mrs. Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Ex-officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the Court.

- Item No. 2 Roll Call Margie Ramirez Ibarra, Webb County Clerk
- Item No. 3 Pledge of Allegiance Cmr. Gutierrez
- Item No. 10 Discussion and possible action to approve a proclamation declaring "April as Head Start Month in Webb County."

Ms. Aliza Oliveros, Head Start Director, stated that there were many events scheduled for April and the signing of the declaration was the kick-off for the activities. Ms. Sonia Ruano, President of the Policy Committee, thanked the court for their continued support of this program.

Item No. 4 Approval of minutes

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Court was advised that no action was taken on Item No. 10.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve a proclamation declaring "April as Head Start Month in Webb County." Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 5 Approval of bills, payroll and monthly reports

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, submitted her monthly report to the court.

Cmr. Cortez motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 6 Communications

Judge Bruni requested a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Steve Snow who passed away.

Cmr. Velasquez commended the organizers of the Miss Laredo and Miss Laredo Teen Pageant that was held the previous weekend for the tremendous job that they did. He congratulated Nicole Garza, Miss Laredo Teen, and Celita Ramirez, Miss Laredo, for their respective triumphs.

Cmr. Cortez congratulated those candidates and incumbents who won in last week's elections and stated that he looked forward to working with them for the betterment of Webb County. He thanked those officeholders that were not re-elected for the work they did for Webb County and wished the best of luck to those involved in runoff elections.

Item No. 7 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Item No. 8 Status report on the condition of all Webb County Roads

Mr. Jose Luis Rodriguez, Road and Bridge Superintendent, stated that he presented a report to Court members on March 5th and will be presenting his second quarterly report to the Court in April. He stated that work on San Ignacio Road will begin next week. He stated that equipment that was ordered will not be delivered until late June/July. He stated that a breakdown on how the monies set aside for each road are spent (materials, labor, equipment, etc). Cmr. Gutierrez stated that grant monies would be available for the colonia paving project and that it needed to be started in order to be able to request additional monies for this project.

Item No. 9 Discussion and possible action to accept the construction bid from C.G. Construction in the amount of \$477,888.13 for the construction of the

Rio Bravo Community Park [Account # 678-8103-8710-1 Park Development Precinct 1 Certificates of Obligation Series 2001 and Account # 695-6004-8710-1 Park Development Precinct 1 Certificates of Obligation Series 2002] and expansion of the Rio Bravo Community Center [Account # 693-6109-8601 Construction in Progress].

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 11 Discussion and possible action to fund the American G.I. Forum in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Publication of, "Historical Women of Laredo" and to transfer \$3,000.00 from Account # 001-0110-6053 Youth Commission (non-utilized funds designated for third party funding) to Account # 001-0110-7460 American G.I. Forum.

Mr. Luis Diaz De Leon of the American G.I. Forum stated that 500 copies would be published and distributed at the local schools and public libraries as well as a copy to each county judge in Texas. He stated that there are plans to create a mural commemorating the historical women of Laredo.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez commended Mr. De Leon for taking the lead on this important project.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 12 Status report on Federal inmate population at the Webb County Jail

Mr. Pepe Salinas, Sheriff's Department Chief Administrator, stated that there is a drop in the number of prisoners housed at the County Jail due to inmate classifications and the requirement that they be kept separate. He stated that those that cannot be housed in Webb County are sent to other jails that have a contract with Webb County. He also stated that a solution needed to be found to be able to expedite paperwork from the Laredo Police Department to the District Attorney's office so that these cases can be brought before the courts sooner and those prisoners in other jails can begin serving their time in state or federal prisons or be let go. He stated that there are over 300 inmates currently waiting to go to trial and a possible answer would be to hire an attorney that would focus solely on the cases of those prisoners in out of town jails in an effort to expedite the court process. He also stated that because there are a smaller number of federal inmates being housed at the jail, there is a possibility of a deficit in the projected revenue for the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the court would be

briefed by himself and Mr. Jim Alison via a conference call during the Executive Session. He stated that there were a multitude of issues at hand. Mr. Salinas stated that his department would be working with Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, to see what would be best for the county and will try to do their best to minimize the impact this would have on the county. Cmr. Gutierrez recommended possible establishing weekend Magistration to minimize the jail population. Cmr. Vasquez stated that it was imperative to maximize the beds at the County jail and felt that it was imperative that any correspondence between the County and the Attorney General be made available to the court for them to review and remain updated on this matter. Mr. Casso stated that he would bring before the court a more detailed report on this matter.

Item No. 13 Discussion and possible action to freeze General Fund transfers from the Fund Balance.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Judge Bruni seconded the motion.

Mr. Raul Casso, County Judge's Chief of Staff, stated that Webb County guaranteed that the fund balance would not drop below 15% to the bond holders and that it is barely at 15%.

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to amend his motion to freeze General Fund transfers when 15% is reached.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that county is currently at or below 15% and recommended that the court go with the first motion. Mr. Casso stated that the county is currently at 15.08%.

Cmr. Velasquez rescinded his amendment.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 14 Presentation from Mr. Sergio Delgado, Webb County Appraisal District Director, on the property valuation process and the remedies available to the taxpayers for limiting their tax liabilities.

Cmr. Velasquez stated that Mr. Delgado's title was Chief Appraiser not Director. Mr. Sergio Delgado, Chief Appraiser, came before the court to inform them and the public about how taxpayers can limit their tax liabilities and the different exemptions that are available. He stated that additional information could be obtained at their office in English or Spanish and that the public could also ask for additional information in person. Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that item at previous meeting to freeze property valuations for those over 65 years of age was not placed on agenda due to some concerns that have been addressed and that item would be placed on next agenda.

MEDIA BREAK (3:08 pm to 3:38 pm)

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up Item No. 20. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 20 Status report on delinquent tax collection by CAVAZOS, MORALES, TIJERINA & MONTEMAYOR, L.L.P., delinquent tax collection firm for Webb County

Ms. Ana Cavazos, Ms. Maria Elena Morales and Ms. Rosaura Tijerina were present to address the court on this item. Ms. Cavazos stated that their contract started on July 14, 2003 and provided a month by month comparison of their collections versus collections during the same time period from the previous year. She stated that \$454,793.70 has been collected more than last year with an average of 140.90% collection rate versus last year. She stated it took approximately two months to get organized and has sent notices and reminders to clients on a monthly basis and has filed in excess of 700 lawsuits on behalf of the county. Ms. Morales stated that 30-35 properties are put up for sale each month and there is an 80% collection at the sales. She stated that tabs are kept on all bankruptcy and dismissal cases. Ms. Tijerina stated that contracts are made with the clients as well as payment plans and has been successful in that effect. She stated that people want to pay their taxes but sometimes need help and understanding. Ms. Cavazos stated that they have been able to be courteous with the clients and still achieve what the court is requesting. Judge Bruni and Cmr. Vasquez congratulated the firm for their great job and to keep up the good effort. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that being compassionate can go a long way in collecting and letting people know that they can still pay for delinquent taxes. Ms. Cavazos stated that there would be possible posting of property sales from them in May due to client's inability to pay and their lack of communication or cooperation. She also stated that they may come before the court to possibly amend contract to allow them to handle trustee sales.

Item No. 15 Discussion and possible action to accept grant award from United Way, for the Emergency Food and Shelter Phase # 22, FY – 2004, in the amount of \$20,000.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 16 Discussion and possible action to approve the appointment of a Civil/Social Organization for "Category C" for the Community Action Agency Advisory Board to fill current vacancy. The Community Resource Coordination Groups for Adults (CRCGA) is being

recommended for approval by the Community Action Agency (CAA) Advisory Board.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Gutierrez stated that the recommendation is also accepted.

Discussion and possible action to enter into a one (1) year Subscription Agreement and Plan Amendment for the Sheriff's Department with Lexis Nexis (April 1, 2004 to March 31, 2005) for a monthly commitment of SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$650.00) to total up to SEVEN THOUSAND AND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,800.00) for the entire term of the agreement and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. [Webb County Sheriff's Department Account # 001-2060-6010 Books and Subscriptions]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 18 Discussion and possible action to enter into a Business Associate Agreement with Gateway Community Health Center in order to comply with the "Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information" (i.e. Privacy Rules) pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) and authorizing the Webb County Judge to execute all relevant documents. (Requested by Head Start)

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 4-0 with Cmr. Cortez abstaining.

Item No. 19 Discussion and possible action to disburse proceeds (\$22,500.00) from public resale of tax foreclosed property (2419 Barrios Street—Parcel Number 552-01428-060) as authorized by this court on January 26, 2004, pursuant to Texas Property Code Section 34.05.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Mr. Nathan Bratton, Assistant County Attorney, stated that the county's share (14%) would be deposited in the general fund. The remainder would be divided among the other taxing entities (32% - L.I.S.D., 45% - City of Laredo, 8% - LCC)

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 21 Discussion and possible action to increase the amount the county charges for returned checks from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per Local Government Code Sec. 118.011 – Fee Schedule.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 22 Discussion and possible action to authorize a line item transfer of \$6,000.00 from Account # 001-0400-5001 (Payroll/Auditor's Dept.) to Account # 001-1205-5005 (Temporary Part Time) for the implementation of Night Magistration.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 23 Discussion and possible action to proclaim April 2004 as Fair Housing Month and April 19-23, 2004 as Fair Housing Week and designating the Webb County Community Action Agency responsible for monitoring Fair Housing in Webb County.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 24 Discussion and possible action to approve Change Order # 1 to the Zertuche Construction Contract (Library Addition to the Larga Vista Community Center) by adding One-Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$1,250.00) for the labor to add (1) course of CMU to raise the ceiling an extra 8", materials and supplies for CMU and extended electrical, telephone and data conduits to match wall height. [Account # 655-6111-8601 Construction in Progress]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 25 Discussion and possible action to approve a Budget Modification to the Texas Community Development Program Contract # 720889 (Bruni Community Center and Corralitos Water Improvements Projects) to transfer \$1,561.00 from the line item of Professional Services and Community Center to Administration for the purpose of covering Economic Development staff cost and establishing the close-out of this project.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 26 Discussion and possible action to submit a contract time extension request to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for the Webb County 2002 EDAP Project Contract # 721175 (Colonias Tanquecitos I and Old Milwaukee) up to December 30, 2005.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27 Discussion and possible action to accept/enact a resolution authorizing and establishing the main and temporary branch early voting polling sites for the April 13, 2004 Joint Primary Runoff Elections within Webb County, Texas Pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion with discussion.

Mr. Oscar Villarreal, Interim Elections Administrator, stated that one unit would be used during the early voting for the run-off election and would concentrate on Pct. 1, and Pct. 3. He stated that by adding an additional unit would be an additional cost of \$3-4,000. Cmr. Velasquez expressed concern on number of mobile sites and requested that Alexander H.S. be included in the list as well. Cmr. Vasquez stated that he felt that it would be a waste of taxpayers' monies and that if people wanted to vote, they would find a way and that there is no proof that accessibility or the number of polling sites motivate persons to go out and vote. Cmr. Gutierrez stated that it would not be a waste of money if it is for democracy.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to add a mobile unit and have Mr. Oscar Villarreal specify sites that would focus on North and South Webb County. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 28 Discussion and possible action to fill vacant slot # 1891 at hourly rate of \$9.00.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 29 Discussion and possible action to issue "Certifications Regarding Compliance with Plat Requirements and the Connection of Utilities" to authorize utility connections to the following properties: Connection(s) qualifying under Section 232.029 (i):

1. Tract 80, Ranchitos Las Lomas, I Subdivision, (electricity – one dwelling only).

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 30 Discussion and possible action to authorize a line item transfer:

From: 001-1102-5602 - Local Mileage \$1,000.00

To: 001-1102-6402 - Equipment Maintenance \$1,000.00

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 31 Discussion and possible action to purchase tactical equipment in the amount of \$13,159.70 from Gall's Inc. for the Webb County Sheriff's Department from Block Grant 2003-LBBX-1696. [Account # 317-2001-6224 Minor Apparatus and Tools]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Discussion and possible action to authorize the purchasing agent to purchase three complete computer systems for the Webb County Indigent Services Program from Larry Norton in the amount of \$4,324.47. [Account # 682-8108-8801 Capital Outlay Certificates of Obligation Series 2002]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 33 Discussion and possible action to award/reject the following Bid # 2004-40 Audio and Video Equipment for Commissioners Court to Texas Media Systems in the amount of \$231,600.00 and Bid # 2004-41 Conference Equipment for Commissioners Court to Texas Media Systems in the amount of \$43,575.00. [Account # 623-0101-8801 Capital Outlay Series 2001 and Account # 660-0101-8801 Capital Outlay Series 2003]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to award bid as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 34 Discussion and possible action to approve the payment of overtime hours accrued by a Sheriff's Department employee due to the October 13, 2003 flood in the amount of \$364.05. [Account # 001-0105-6032-05 Flood Damage 10/03]

Cmr. Vasquez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 35 Discussion and possible action to authorize repairs to a CAA Ladrillera Community Center window which was damaged on or about December 1, 2003 at cost not to exceed \$490.00. [Account # 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Cmr. Cortez requested a report on the number of repairs needed for the various community centers and the approximate cost for these repairs.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 36 Discussion and possible action to authorize repairs of an El Aguila bus shelter located on Paseo de Timbre Street in Rio Bravo, Texas which was damaged by an unknown individual on or about May 6, 2003 at a cost not to exceed \$4,916.00. [Account # 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 37 Discussion and possible action to authorize repairs of a Sheriff's Department unit, (1997 Ford Crown Victoria License L20-HNK), which was involved in a motor vehicle accident on or about January 16, 2004 at a cost not to exceed \$425.70. [Account # 001-0105-9201 Claims Paid]

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 38 Discussion and possible action to accept recommendations from the Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Scoring Committee on the following eligible applicants to receive assistance under the Self-Help Center Housing Rehabilitation: Mr. & Mrs. Munoz, of Bruni, Texas, and Mr. & Mrs. Mendiola of Oilton, Texas and the authorization for the purchasing agent to solicit bids for rehabilitation on these two homes.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Discussion and possible action to adopt revisions to the current Webb County Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines. The Housing Rehabilitation Guidelines will conform to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Office of Colonia Initiative (TDHCA-OCI), Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), Texas Department of Housing And Community Affairs – HOME Program (TDHCA-HOME) and in

compliance with HUD housing regulations. The rehabilitation guidelines will be used by all existing and future housing rehabilitation programs.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 40

Discussion and possible action to authorize the submission of a contract time extension of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs TCDP Contract No. 721003 (Webb County CAA – Self-Help Center Program). The contract time extension will allow the construction completion of the new Self-Help Center Facility. The TCDP contract extension will move the contract end date from May 9, 2004 until August 9, 2004. The contract extension will not impact the County's general fund.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 41

Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution objecting to the current Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Regional Formula Allocations for Homeland Security Funds, which allocates funds based on population and not on high risk factors such as international borders.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Cortez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 42

Discussion and possible action to approve request for refunds as recommended by the Tax Assessor Collector as follows:

Name: Celadon Trucking Reason: Paid account in error

Total: \$2,156.68

Name: The Laredo National Bank Reason: Paid account in error

Total: \$4,401.13

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 43 Discussion and possible action to adopt the Webb Count Investment Policy for 2004 in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act.

Ms. Delia Perales, County Treasurer, stated that this is a yearly adoption to show that Webb County is abiding the Public Funds Investment Act. She stated that no changes were made to the Act.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move up the Addendum Items. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum Item No. 1

Discussion and possible action to accept the Community Social Services Block Grant, second allocation, form the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for FY 2004, in the amount of \$228,113.00, and approving budget and General Order adjustments as recommended by CAA Director.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to approve item as submitted. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the court would be speaking with Mr. Jim Allison via teleconference for Addendum Item No. 3 and with Mr. Paul Martin on Addendum Item No. 2.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to move into Executive Session. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (4:44 pm to 6:09 pm)

Judge Bruni reconvened meeting and stated that no action was taken while in Executive Session.

Addendum Item No. 2

Consideration of outside counsel for Webb County Bridge issues. [The Commissioners Court may meet in closed session to consult with the County's attorneys as pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, §551.071 – Consultation with Attorneys]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, recommended that the court authorize hiring Mr. Jim Allison of Allison, Bass & Associates for this item.

Judge Bruni motioned to accept County Attorney's recommendation. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Addendum Item No. 3

Consultation with the County's attorneys regarding potential litigation concerning the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. [The Commissioners Court may meet in closed session to consult with the County's attorneys as pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, §551.071 – Consultation with Attorneys]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that no action was necessary as this was only for status.

Item No. 44

Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee concerning grievance filed by Jose R. Gutierrez, Jr., former Director of Parks and Recreation Department. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Item No. 45

Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation of the Webb County Employee Grievance Committee concerning grievance filed by former Risk Manager Juanita Puente. [Executive Session is requested pursuant to Texas Government Code Title 5, Subchapter D, Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)]

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney, stated that the Grievance Committee made no recommendation on the grievances filed by Mr. Jose R. Gutierrez, Jr. and Mr. Juanita Puente. He recommended that no action be taken by the court.

Item No. 46 Adjournment

Addendum

Item No. 4 Adjournment

Cmr. Velasquez motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Mr. Oscar Villarreal, Interim Elections Administrator, advised Court that he had corrected the resolution authorizing and establishing the main and temporary branch early voting polling sites for the April 13, 2004 Joint Primary Runoff Elections within Webb County, Texas Pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Cmr. Velasquez rescinded his motion.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to bring back Item No. 27. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 27

Discussion and possible action to accept/enact a resolution authorizing and establishing the main and temporary branch early voting polling sites for the April 13, 2004 Joint Primary Runoff Elections within Webb County, Texas Pursuant to Chapter 85, Texas Election Code.

Mr. Oscar Villarreal, Interim Elections Administrator, presented the new locations for both mobile units. He stated that Unit I would focus on North Webb County and Unit II would focus on South Webb County.

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to accept resolution. Cmr. Gutierrez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.

Item No. 46 Adjournment

Addendum

Item No. 4 Adjournment

Cmr. Gutierrez motioned to adjourn. Cmr. Velasquez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0 by unanimous consent.